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To: Alaigh, Poonam, M.D. </o=va/ou=exchange administrative group (fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=[REDACTED] (b) (5), (b) (6)> Flanz, Meghan Serwin </o=va/ou=va martinsburg/cn=recipients/cn=[REDACTED] (b) (5), (b) (6)> Lapuz, Miguel H. </o=va/ou=visn 10/cn=recipients/cn=[REDACTED] (b) (5), (b) (6)> [REDACTED] </o=va/ou=va martinsburg/cn=recipients/cn=[REDACTED] (b) (5), (b) (6)> Hutton, James </o=va/ou=exchange administrative group (fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=[REDACTED] (b) (5), (b) (6)> [REDACTED] </o=va/ou=exchange administrative group (fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=[REDACTED] (b) (5), (b) (6)> Young, Steven W. </o=va/ou=visn 08/cn=recipients/cn=[REDACTED] (b) (5), (b) (6)>

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Bcc:

Subject: Re: San Juan former MCD -- call at 1 pm?

Date: Sun May 07 2017 09:56:00 CDT

Attachments: Communications Plan Hamlin San Juan Draft 1 170507.docx

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Ulliyot [john.[REDACTED] (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, May 07, 2017 10:46 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Ulliyot, John
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: San Juan former MCD -- call at 1 pm?

Poonam/Meghan and Team:

Please see the string below from [REDACTED] (b) (6) of OGC — it appears that VA [REDACTED] (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b) (5)



Can we discuss on a call early this afternoon to decide on a way forward? Does 1 pm work for everyone?

Please let us know and we can circulate a dial-in.

Thanks,

John U.

John Ulliyot

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

202-461-7500 office

john.ullyot@va.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Hutton, James

Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 08:17 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: (b) (6) (b) (6) Ulliyot, John

Cc: (b) (6) Gruntmeir, Doris; Flanz, Meghan Serwin; Young, Steven W.; Lapuz, Miguel H.

Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

Adding John Ulliyot. Please ensure he remains on the email string.

James Hutton

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 7:18 PM
To: Hutton, James; (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) Gruntmeir, Doris; Flanz, Meghan Serwin; Young, Steven W.; Lapuz, Miguel H.
Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

Trying to keep everyone on one email string. With regard to communications about this matter, per below, please note that this case is still in active litigation and I strongly recommend that we only (b) (5)

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(b) (5)

[REDACTED]

With regard to OPIA's questions:

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 4:23 PM
To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6) Gruntmeir, Doris; Flanz, Meghan Serwin; Young, Steven W.; Lapuz, Miguel H.
Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

(b) (5)

Looping in Steve and Dr. LaPuz to avoid two email strings. If you have further questions or want to discuss rational behind some of this (none of which are for publication) we could schedule a call.

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 4:01 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) Gruntmeir, Doris; Flanz, Meghan Serwin
Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

(b) (6)

Thanks for this. I'm not entirely familiar with how the MSRB works. But the VA (b) (5)
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 03:42 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6); Gruntmeir, Doris; Flanz, Meghan Serwin
Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

Hi (b) (6)

DeWayne Hamlin's case is still being actively litigated before the MSPB, which has not yet dismissed this matter until such time as the agency can show that it has (b) (5)

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Thanks,

(b) (6)

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From: Flanz, Meghan Serwin
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 3:15 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6); (b) (6) Gruntmeir, Doris
Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

Amy and (b) (6) (cc'd) have the lead on this matter for OGC. They have a better handle on status than I do.

Meghan Flanz
Interim General Counsel
(202) 461-7661

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 02:24 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flanz, Meghan Serwin
Subject: FW: San Juan former MCD

Meghan

Can you help with this?

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 01:50 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Lapuz, Miguel H.; (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) Liezert, Timothy W.
Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

(b) (6) spoke with (b) (6) this afternoon. She is working on the (b) (6) ..

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From: Lapuz, Miguel H.

Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 01:09 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: (b) (6); (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6); Liezert, Timothy W.
Subject: FW: San Juan former MCD

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Can we please have a timeline of events for (b) (6) Thanks

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 12:26 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Ulliyot, John; Alaigh, Poonam, M.D.; Lapuz, Miguel H.; (b) (6) Wright, Vivieca (Simpson);
Leinenkugel, Jake
Cc: Liezert, Timothy W.; (b) (6) Young, Steven W.; DJS; Hutton, James
Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

Ok.

We really need info about what happened with the (b) (5)

Steve - can you help?

Gina

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From: Ulliyot, John
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 11:58 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Alaigh, Poonam, M.D.; Lapuz, Miguel H.; (b) (6) (b) (6) Wright, Vivieca
(Simpson); Leinenkugel, Jake
Cc: Liezert, Timothy W.; (b) (6) Young, Steven W.; DJS; Hutton, James
Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

Thanks for the heads' up Poonam -- I'm new to this issue, but absolutely agree we need to (b) (5)

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Please let James and me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss on a brief call today.

Thanks again,

John U.
202-701-0138

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-----Original Message-----

From: Alaigh, Poonam, M.D.

Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 09:52 AM Eastern Standard Time

To: Lapuz, Miguel H.; (b) (6) (b) (6) Ulyot, John; Wright, Vivieca (Simpson);
Leinenkugel, Jake

Cc: Liezert, Timothy W.; (b) (6) Young, Steven W.; DJS

Subject: RE: San Juan former MCD

Completely agree with (b) (5)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lapuz, Miguel H.

Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 08:25 AM Eastern Standard Time

To: (b) (6) (b) (6)

Cc: Liezert, Timothy W.; (b) (6) Young, Steven W.; Alaigh, Poonam, M.D.
Subject: San Juan former MCD

Gina,

There was a lot of media interests on Mr. Hamlin's termination. Now that he will be (b) (5)

Thanks

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Communication Plan
Reinstatement of Puerto Rico Medical Center Director
May 6, 2017

Background

DeWayne Hamlin, the director of the San Juan VA Medical Center, was removed from federal service January 20, 2017.

DeWayne Hamlin's case is still being actively litigated before the MSPB, which has not yet dismissed this matter until such time as the agency can show that it has fully restored Mr. Hamlin back to the way he was before the agency took its removal action. Consequently, given the contentious nature of this case, OGC strongly recommends that VA only (b) (5)

Approach

The VA should be (b) (5)

When	Who	What
May 8 – AM	Congressional Notification	VA Media Statement
May 8 – AM	WH Notification	VA Media Statement
May 8 – AM	San Juan Leadership Team	Internal Statement
May 8 – AM	San Juan Employee Notification	All employee email with internal statement
May 8 – AM	VSO Notifications	

Media Statement

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Internal/employee statement

(b) (5)



Key outlets/key coverage

Benjamin Krause: <http://www.disabledveterans.org/2017/01/24/youre-fired-san-juan-va-director-dewayne-hamlin-terminated/>

Luke Rosiak, Daily Caller: <http://dailycaller.com/2017/01/24/days-into-trump-admin-corrupt-employees-are-already-being-fired-at-the-va/>

USA Today: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2016/09/19/va-battles-problem-employees-accountability-accusations/90715048/>

Washington Times: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/sep/7/high-ranking-va-official-charged-with-drunken-driv/>

CVA: <https://cv4a.org/vafail-va-offers-record-high-settlement-whistleblower/>